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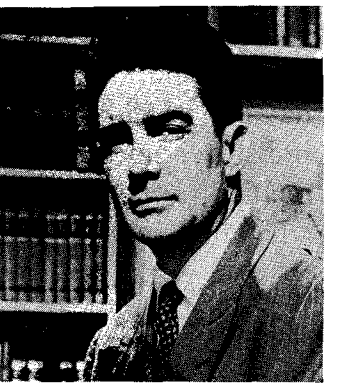

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THE THREAT OF COMMUNISM

Dewey Rand, in a column published by the *Capital Press*, Salem, Oregon, July 1, 1966, said:

"Recently the Communist Party U.S.A. gathered in New York and held its 18th Convention and the first since 1959. Mark H. Arnold reports the event for the *National Observer* . . . . What Arnold writes will be no comfort to the Hargis-Smoot-Schwarz anti-Communist crusaders who have made a lucrative racket out of scaring some of the wealthy in this country — and some not so wealthy — out of a great amount of money . . . .

"The obvious political impotence of the old men of the U.S. Communist Party, and the few radical youngsters, is confirmation of the opinion many in this country have had that communism is unattractive to the great majority of Americans, and, because of this, has never been a great threat to our established government . . . .

"The danger of organized communism within this country has not been the ability of these deluded people to overthrow, or even change, our government. The hazard has been in the racketeers mentioned above using communism for their own profit and in the process frightening people out of objective thinking."

James Marlow, Associated Press News Analyst, in a column published July 5, 1966, said:

"The Communist Party, U.S.A., recently held its first convention since 1959. It was a pitiful sight in more ways than one. . . .

"Congress, courts, FBI and changing times made a wreck of the American Communist party. It claims a membership of 10,000 to 12,000, way down from the 80,000 to 100,000 it claimed . . . 30 years or so ago . . . .

"The party is trying to hook onto the fringes of agitation, like the civil rights movement or among youths. It's operating at a bad time.

"The communist world is split. The satellites are restless, Marxism in Europe is losing its rigidity, communism's chances in the prosperous countries are hopeless and in the backward countries it's not doing well.

"The American Communist party is in a particularly unhappy spot and has been since President Franklin D. Roosevelt changed the direction of American thinking by establishing government concern for the general welfare."

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Mr. Rand and Mr. Marlow parrot a propaganda line which has been a refrain in the liberal press ever since Franklin D. Roosevelt beat communists to the draw by adopting major programs advocated by communists.

On the other hand, J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, says:

"It is indeed appalling that some members of our society continue to deplore and criticize those who stress the communist danger. What these misguided 'authorities' fail to realize is that the Communist Party, USA, is an integral part of international communism. As the world-wide menace becomes more powerful, the various Communist Parties assume a more dangerous and sinister role in the countries in which they are entrenched. Public indifference to this threat is tantamount to national suicide."(1)

Mr. Rand says the danger of communism in the United States lies not in what communists do but in the "racketeers" (Dan Smoot, et al.) "using communism for their own profit."

This is reminiscent of remarks by Robert Kennedy, who, when Attorney General, said American anti-communists were more dangerous than communists. Not long before the President was murdered by a communist member of the Fair Play For Cuba Committee, Attorney General Robert Kennedy refused to declare the Committee a subversive organization, decried the "hysteria" about communism in the United States, and said communists "can't do anything to us."(2)

If — as Mr. Marlow asserts — "communism's chances in the prosperous countries are hopeless and in the backward countries it's not doing well," why are Americans dying to save South Vietnam from communism?

If — as Mr. Rand asserts — "communism . . . has never been a great threat to our established government," why did our established government sacrifice the lives of 54,246 Americans to fight communism in Korea?

If communism is as impotent as both Mr. Rand and Mr. Marlow claim, why has our government permitted communists to violate their own armistice terms by refusing to return hundreds of American soldiers captured during the Korean war?"(3)

Why has our government confiscated more than 150 billion dollars from American taxpayers for foreign aid since 1946? Why have we been crushed with taxes to maintain American military forces all over the world? Foreign aid and foreign defense have so burdened our resources that we have neglected our own national defense. Through these programs, our government has transferred to foreign countries so much of our monetary gold reserve and piled up a national debt of such size that we are, technically, a bankrupt nation.

The "justification" for the programs has always been that they are necessary to save foreign nations, and ourselves, from communism. Yet, Mr. Rand asserts that "communism . . . has never been a great threat."

If not stopped, the programs of foreign aid and foreign defense, will inevitably bring economic — and military — disaster to our country. We are still supporting a South Korean army of 600,000 troops and American military forces totaling some 40,000 to defend South Korea against communists. We have three infantry divisions and two armored divisions tied down in Europe; and two armored divisions in the strategic reserve stationed in the United States but for use only in Europe.

We have 250,000 men committed in Vietnam, and the buildup continues. Indeed, we have our military forces scattered all over the face of the earth to defend other nations against communism. The House approved most of President Johnson's multi-billion-dollar foreign aid requests for another two years. The Senate approved a bill for somewhat less, and the measure, as this goes to press, is waiting for conference agreement between the two houses. How do Congress and the President justify continuation of these programs "to save the world from communism," if — as Mr. Marlow says — "communism's chances . . . are hopeless"?

If communism does no harm in the United States, how shall we evaluate Negro riots in Watts, Har-

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lem, Rochester, Chicago? The civil rights movement — shattering our society with criminal anarchy and pushing us relentlessly to the brink of racial civil war — was communist-created and is still, for the most part, communist-led.[4]

If communism does no harm in the United States, what shall we say about the communist-instigated and communist-led student movements that have created vast cesspools of degeneracy, debauchery, and lawlessness on the campuses of many of our institutions of higher learning?[5]

Mr. Marlow implies that communists have had little effect on American youth; but J. Edgar Hoover, in an FBI Report released October 19, 1965, said:

"The 1964-65 school year was a busy time for communist leaders in all areas of the country, as the party intensified its efforts to attract young people through public appearances on college and university campuses.

"Party leaders, encouraged by earlier successes, spoke to more than 37,000 students in 56 appearances during this period . . . . Communist Party leaders also appeared as guests on numerous radio and television programs."[6]

Dr. Stefan T. Possony (Director of the program of international political studies at the Hoover Institute, Stanford University, and a recognized authority on communism) was asked (by *U.S. News & World Report*) about the significance of communist activities in the United States. Here are some of Dr. Possony's comments:

"First of all, it is significant that Communists are making trouble for the U.S. today. Secondly, it is significant that this is a recruiting operation . . . . training and organizing of Communist revolutionaries for the America of tomorrow. . . . The numbers are not large. But . . . numbers do not mean much in this sort of activity. A small number of people can create a great deal of unrest, and organizers are always small in number. . . .

"Essentially, this whole operation that is going on today is an old Communist technique known as revolutionary anti-militarism. Communists have written entire textbooks on this subject. . . .

"The idea is to . . . . make it impossible for the military to function efficiently . . . . The same idea applies to the police or to other vital institutions . . . .

"The weaker the police, the easier it is for Communists to operate. . . .

"The police-brutality slogan has been used by the Communists in free countries for many years. The subject is taboo in the Soviet Union or in East Germany where . . . they don't hesitate to shoot down refugees . . . .

"If you study the record of past revolutions, you will find in the period just before the revolution of the many phenomena that are occurring in the United States today.

"The crime rate goes up, for example . . . . in fact, before a revolution you usually have what you might call a crime epidemic. You have loosening sexual morals, loosening family ties. Things that would have raised the roof 20 years earlier are considered perfectly acceptable in a pre-revolutionary period. This is very clearly true in the U.S. today."[6]

What Dr. Possony says about communist efforts to "make it impossible for the military to function efficiently" deepens the significance of a statement by Brigadier General S.L.A. Marshall. General Marshall said:

"I have, of course, run into Communists in our uniform overseas, even in my own outfit . . . . In the battle of North Korea . . . . there was one company that folded, one only, in the 25th Division. The Captain who surrendered his company had long been suspected as a Communist by the people around him."[7]

Julia Brown, a Negress from Georgia, was hoodwinked into joining the Communist Party in Cleveland, Ohio, to work for "civil rights." She left the party within a year, but rejoined at the request of the FBI, and worked for nine years as an undercover informant for the FBI. Here are some passages from Mrs. Brown's book, *I Testify* (published, 1966, by Western Islands, Belmont, Mass., $1.50 in paperback):

"The Communist Party, USA, has its orders direct from the Communist International in Moscow — fan the resentment of the American Negroes until it bursts into flame, next feed the flames until our nation is engulfed in horrible holocaust. Then the white American Communists will strike with full fury within, so that

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we shall be sore beset and wide open for attack from without. . . . Communist effort in this direction is unceasing. . . .

"How much longer can we afford to be so tolerant of these fanatics dedicated to our destruction? . . .

"In California, the great surge of anti-Communist activity which marked 1961, and a part of 1962, subsided sharply . . . . Reds [however] have intensified their offensive and become bolder day by day . . . ."

Associated Press News Analyst Marlow says "Congress, courts [and] FBI made a wreck of the American Communist Party." That is quite a statement from someone who can be presumed to have been reading the newspapers during the past few years. The Supreme Court has made it utterly impossible for federal or state governments to prosecute communists, to keep them off the public payrolls, or even to compel them to register as agents of a foreign power.[8]

Mr. Marlow belittles the danger of the communist party because it now "claims a membership of 10,000 to 12,000, way down from the 80,000 to 100,000 it claimed . . . 30 years or so ago."

In November, 1940, when the Communist Party had 100,000 members, a communist candidate for President received *13,586 votes in the entire state of California.*[9] In June, 1966, Mrs. Dorothy Healey, well-known communist who was candidate for Tax Assessor of Los Angeles, received *86,149 votes in Los Angeles County.* [10]

I know, far better than any liberal spokesman whom I have yet heard, that the group of known communists who held a convention in New York in June, 1966, are a shabby, scurvy group of pigmy intellects and less than mediocre talents. I watched these people at close hand for more than three years when I was an FBI agent investigating communism; and I have studied them and their activities for many years.

The primary role of these known communists is to serve as decoys — to draw public attention while others do the real communist work of advancing the socialist revolution. What they have thus accomplished for world communism in the past 33 years is almost beyond belief. Our involvement in World War II, the Korean disaster, the present Vietnam tragedy, the criminal anarchy and racial turmoil at home, the erosion of morals and ideals of liberty, government policies which are transforming our constitutional Republic into a socialist welfare state and dragging us toward economic ruin — all were, to some degree, results of communist influence in the United States.

SUGGESTION: By getting others to read this *Report*, and similar material, do your utmost to create a revival of effective Americanism. Americanism and communism cannot coexist indefinitely. One must triumph over the other. It is your responsibility and mine to assure that the freedom of Americanism triumphs over the slavery of communism.

Footnotes

(1) *FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin*, March, 1960

(2) "Bobby Drags Heels," Washington Report by Fulton Lewis, Jr., *The Shreveport Journal*, April 12, 1962

(3) "U.S. Military Personnel of Korean War Still Held Prisoner," remarks of Senator Everett M. Dirksen, *Congressional Record* (daily), May 14, 1963, pp. 7914-16

(4) "Communism On The Campus," "More Turmoil And Bloodshed Being Planned," "The Bondage Of The Free," *The Dan Smoot Report*, May 30, June 6 and 13, 1966, pp. 117-28; each of the 3 Reports available from this office at prices listed on Page 157 of this *Report;* "Civil Rights Or Civil War?", *The Dan Smoot Report*, February 22, 1965, pp. 57-64; "Voting Rights Bill," *The Dan Smoot Report*, May 10, 1965, pp. 145-52; "The Horror Now Upon Us," *The Dan Smoot Report*, August 23, 1965, pp. 265-72; each 1965 *Report* available at this office at 1 for 25¢, 6 for $1.00.

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(6) *U.S. News & World Report*, November 1, 1965

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(9) *The World Almanac* for 1955, p. 586

(10) *The Los Angeles Times*, June 9, 1966, Part I, p. 2

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